

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Atty. Schnurmann on 17/12/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please replace the phrase "claim 9" with "claim 1", in claim 10, line 1.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-8 and 10-15 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for the indication of the allowability of the above claims is the inclusion therein, in combination as currently claimed as a whole, of the limitation of the integrated circuit device including a substrate has an upwardly facing the first surface at an upper level and an upwardly facing second surface at a lower level, the first dielectric layer being a dielectric layer formed on the first surface, the second dielectric layer being a dielectric layer formed on the second surface and having a property different

from each other. This limitation is found in the above claims and is neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathan W. Ha whose telephone number is (571) 272-1707. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 8:00-7:00(EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wael Fahmy can be reached on (571) 272-1705. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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